

MANAGEMENT OF STATE HOSPITAL IS CONDEMNED

Institution Does Not in Any Way Conform to Standards of Modern Hospital for Insane, Declares Investigator — Buildings Veritable Fire Traps.

That the State Hospital for the Insane, at Columbia, "does not in any way conform to the standards existing in a modern hospital for the insane," that the buildings are "not only veritable firetraps in their present condition, but the lack of fire extinguishers and the condition of some of the hose, as found in some of the wards, makes the danger from fire a real and terrible disaster to complicate," that the sanitary conditions of the hospital "are in bad repair and entirely inadequate," and that "the present superintendent has certainly not had sufficient executive experience or psychiatric training to be held responsible for the proper management of the institution of nearly 1,700 patients," were findings in the report of the investigations by Dr. Arthur P. Herring to Governor Manning, transmitted Tuesday to the General Assembly.

Dr. Herring, secretary of the lunacy commission of Maryland, completed in about a week a complete personal inquiry into conditions at the asylum, as the personal representative of Governor Manning. Accompanied by a special message, Governor Manning transmitted this report, containing about 6,000 words, to both branches of the legislature when they convened early Tuesday afternoon.

The alienist's report was divided into four "heads" and dealt with general requirements for treatment of insane patients, included an exhaustive survey on the present conditions at the asylum, gave numerous suggestions for improvement of the institution, and recommended amendments to the state lunacy laws.

This report as a whole, suggested a radical departure from the present conditions and customs at this institution.

Governor Manning pointed out that the report was prepared by a disinterested person, and he described it as "a calm, dispassionate and non-partisan exposition of the actual conditions."

Regarding Dr. T. J. Strait, formerly of Lancaster, superintendent of the asylum, the investigator said: "The present superintendent is a gentleman who was in private practice in the rural districts before his appointment to his present position. He is kind and courteous in his manner toward his patients, and I am firmly convinced that he is doing everything in his power for the comfort and well-being of those under his care, but he has certainly not had sufficient executive experience or psychiatric training to be held responsible for the proper management of an institution of nearly 1,700 patients."

The investigator reported the following relative to the present staff. It consists, he said, "of four physicians in direct charge of the patients. The first assistant is in charge of 400 white male patients and has no assistant. The second assistant is a woman physician who has had no previous hospital experience with the insane. She is responsible for the treatment of over 600 white female patients and has no assistant. These two physicians and the superintendent live on the hospital grounds."

"The physician in charge of over 400 negro male patients does not live at the institution, but visits every day for a few hours or more, as may be necessary. He has no assistant physician. The physician in charge of the negro women has about 300 patients under his charge, in addition to visiting the negro women at State Park. He does not live at the institution and has no assistant."

"To expect four physicians to look after nearly 1,700 patients, in addition to their other onerous clinical duties, and only two of them devote all of their time to the work, is not only a physical impossibility, but is evidently so unjust and absurd, both to the patients and to the physicians that it needs no argument. There is a pathologist and a dentist who spend a part of each day at the hospital."

"The most distressing phase in life at this institution is the utter lack of work and play for the patients, under supervision of a teacher. The weekly dances are given in winter, and the moving picture show during the summer. Divisional occupations is unknown."—Columbia Record.

Chaingang Guard Resigns

Capt. Bailey Lawson, for a number of years guard to the county chaingang has resigned the position and Mr. Charles Robinson of Buffalo has been chosen to succeed him.

Mr. R. B. Bentley of Kelton, Route 2, was in Union Thursday.

ARRESTED FOR ROB- BING THE MAILS

Frank Suber, a Colored Man who was Employed to Transfer the Mail at Carlisle, was Arrested Wednesday by Sheriff Fant and is now in Jail

Frank Suber, a colored man about 35 years old, and employed to transfer the mails at Carlisle, was arrested Wednesday afternoon upon the charge of robbing the mails. There had never been any complaint made as to parcel post packages being lost at that point, but Sheriff Fant "got on" to the fact that the mails were being robbed at that point, and upon the information gained, arrested the negro. Suber acknowledged that all the parcel post packages found in two different houses had been obtained from the mail pouches, but that he himself did not get the packages out; he claims his plan was to pay another negro, Ed Glenn, 50 cents or a dollar each time he went in the pouch. Glenn denies any knowledge of the robbery.

This work done by Sheriff Fant was quite a stroke. Not even the postal authorities had any knowledge of the robberies being pulled off. There has never been any complaint made, so far as can be learned.

Baptist S. S. Convention Met With Tabernacle Church Sunday.

The Union County Baptist Sunday School Convention met at Tabernacle church Sunday, January 31. Devotional service was conducted by Rev. S. W. Jolly. The delegates were then enrolled. Out of 27 Sunday Schools in Union county, only 16 schools had delegates present.

The real purpose of the Sunday School was then discussed by Rev. L. S. Shealy and W. F. Bobo, and a fine sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Croft.

After the appointing of the committees, the convention adjourned for dinner.

The exercises for the afternoon began with devotional service, led by J. H. Spears.

"How can we secure a greater interest in the study of the Bible in the Sunday School," was ably discussed by Mr. D. W. Kennett, D. W. Garvin, and Geo. P. White.

Ministerial Education was then brought up and discussed by S. W. Jolly, and Geo. P. White, and a resolution was passed asking all Sunday Schools in Union county to take a collection for this fund on the second Sunday in February.

The fact was then brought out that Tabernacle was the only church in this Association that was in debt, and a resolution was passed asking all the Sunday Schools to take a collection for this church the first Sunday in May.

After deciding on Upper Fair Forest for the next convention, the meeting adjourned.

Mass Meeting to Be Held.

There will be a temperance rally at Green Street Methodist church Sunday evening, February 28th. Plans are on foot to have a prominent speaker from a distance to deliver an address.

Death of Veteran Newspaper Man.

Mrs. R. M. Estes received a telegram Wednesday announcing the death of her uncle, Mr. L. A. Beaty of Savannah, Ga. Mr. Beaty has been connected with the Savannah News for more than forty years, part of the time as business manager and later as editor. The funeral services were held in Savannah Thursday morning.

BEN TILLMAN'S SOUND SUGGESTION

Senator Tillman's suggestion recommending marking time on the naval programme pending the European war is characteristic of his hard horse sense.

The Washington Herald says: Senator Tillman's plan to suspend the construction of warships until the close of the war is full wisdom. If his advice is followed, there will be fewer archaic monstrosities afloat to contribute to the absurdity of Uncle Sam's inefficient naval armament. Six months of the present war have served to modify existing naval theories very materially. Better wait, gentlemen, until the vaunted Dreadnought either does or doesn't.

Even during the long period of peace, comparatively speaking, the world has enjoyed the big battleships the nations were constantly constructing seemed to become antiquated and obsolete for practical purposes almost as fast as they were built.

How stupid, then, it would be for the United States to lay the keels for costly Dreadnoughts that might be out of commission, so to speak, in view of the rapidity of current developments, before they were so much as launched.—Columbia Record.

TEMPERANCE RA SUNDAY EVENIN SONS OF VETERANS CAMP ORGANIZED

Mr. J. K. Breeden Spoke Large Audience at Baptist Church Sunday Evening—Strong Presentation of Prohibition Cause From Business Standpoint.

Mr. J. K. Breeden, secretary of State organization recently organized in the interest of prohibition in South Carolina, spoke before a large gathering of Union people in the First Baptist Church here Sunday evening. Mr. Breeden presented arguments in favor of prohibition from the business and economic side of the question, and his remarks were sane and convincing to the hearer.

After the meeting many were heard to remark that it was one of the most practical presentations of the matter they had ever heard. Mr. Breeden told of the effort being put forth to secure an act calling for a vote on the question this summer and reported that great progress had been made, still the fight was not won.

The bill has passed the House and it is hoped that it will also pass the Senate at this session. One of the striking features of Mr. Breeden's address was reading a letter which he had received from the business men of Hartsville giving their experience in that thriving city and advocating State wide prohibition. This letter was signed by Major Coker and thirty other business men of Hartsville.

The Grace Methodist church, First Presbyterian church congregations and representatives from many other nearby churches united in the mass meeting.

Brief words endorsing the movement were spoken by Rev. John F. Matheson, Rev. J. L. Daniel, and Rev. Lewis M. Rice.

The scripture reading by Rev. J. F. Matheson and prayer was offered by Rev. W. F. Gault. At the close of the meeting a collection was taken to help this cause which amounted to \$8 or \$10. A large number of these men are pledged to help this cause financially or otherwise when called upon.

Missionary Campaign Planned

A meeting of a goodly portion of the Baptist pastors of the county was held in the parlors of the First Baptist Church Wednesday at 11 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a campaign in the interest of missions. It was agreed that such a move be entered into at once and that the Baptist churches throughout the county be brought into closer touch with home and foreign missions by well directed efforts in that direction.

Rev. W. E. Wilkins, who is connected with Meff's Forward Movement and Rev. Mr. Herring, a missionary to China, now on his vacation in this country was present and rendered valuable assistance in planning for the campaign.

Rev. J. D. Croft, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, was appointed to get up a program under the instructions given by the meeting. One of the features of the campaign will be the interchanging of pastors on specified Sundays.

Revival at Buffalo

A revival meeting will begin at Buffalo Baptist Church Sunday, February 7th. Rev. J. A. Brock of Laurens, will assist the pastor, Rev. L. S. Shealy in the meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Death of Mrs. Susan Hyatt

Mrs. Susan E. Hyatt died at her home at West Springs on last Friday at ten o'clock after a long illness.

Mrs. Hyatt was about 75 years of age and was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church at Jonesville and the funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. S. Porter, at Bogansville church. A large concourse of friends gathered to pay their respects to Mrs. Hyatt. She leaves one son, Mr. Henry Hyatt and three daughters, Miss Sallie Hyatt of West Springs, Mrs. W. P. Bogan and Mrs. J. F. Bogan, besides a number of relatives.

Her husband, the late James Hyatt has been dead for more than twenty years.

Going is Cashier—Quits Southeastern Life to Join Missouri Life

Walter F. Going, for four years manager in Columbia for the Southeastern Life Insurance company of South Carolina, has resigned to become cashier of the Missouri State Life Insurance company of St. Louis, of which Mr. Marion Rich is general agent. Mr. Going has been very successful with the Southeastern company. Last year he was second in paid up business of all the agents of the company.—The State.

Thirty-one Charter Members Formed Camp on Wednesday Evening—Officers Elected—Constitution Adopted and Application for Charter Made.

A Camp of "Sons of Confederate Veterans" was organized here Wednesday night, there being thirty-one applications for membership in the organization applying for a charter. The applicants met in the rooms of the Citizen's National Bank and proceeded to organize in due and regular form.

The charter names are: J. W. Mixson, R. P. Morgan, C. C. Sanders, C. K. Morgan, Dr. Frank H. Sawyer, S. R. Perrin, Macbeth Young, W. A. Walker, B. G. Peterson, Lewis M. Rice, B. F. Alston, Jr., Dr. J. H. Hamilton, Dr. W. N. Glymph, Dr. J. S. Morgan, W. S. McClure, Chas. W. Goforth, C. H. Milhous, Allan Nicholson, W. W. Colton, B. B. James, M. O. Lancaster, W. H. Perrin, W. B. Todd, Dr. Geo. T. Keller, Dr. S. G. Saratt, Dr. V. R. Hawkins, C. H. Norman, E. C. Howze, L. L. Wagnon, W. W. Johnson, J. F. McClure, M. A. Moore.

A motion was made and carried that the organization be perfected. The name adopted for the organization was "States Right Gist Camp", and the following officers were chosen to serve one year:

W. S. McClure, 1st Lieut. Commander; M. A. Moore, 2nd Lieut. Commander; C. C. Sanders, Adjutant; S. G. Saratt, Surgeon; J. W. Mixson, Quartermaster; Lewis M. Rice, Chaplain; G. T. Keller, Treasurer; C. W. Goforth, Color Sergeant; J. F. McClure, Historian.

The constitution offered by the state organization was adopted by the camp.

Death of a Good Colored Man.

Neal Carter, a much respected old colored man, employed on the farm of De Aubrey Gregory, died on January 22nd last, and was buried the following day at Maple Ridge colored church cemetery. "Uncle Neal," as he was familiarly known, was thoroughly trustworthy and up to the time when his health failed, in the absence of the Gregory family, with whom he lived, he was given entire charge of the home until their return.

Neal was 68 years of age and was formerly owned by Mrs. Jas. Carter of this county, (now deceased) who before her marriage was Miss Sophia Van Lew, and to his mistress, he was always loyal.

Neal leaves a wife nearly 80 years old, who originally belonged to the late Mr. Thos. Hill and who is still able to do good work in the field.

These are some of the good, old time negroes that are now fast passing away.

Committee Discusses Further Plans For Field Day

Judging from the fact that another committee meeting was held last Monday afternoon in which more definite plans for Field Day were discussed, it seems that everything points toward a bigger event than we have ever had. Prof. Sams of Jonesville, Supt. Jeffries and Miss Fleming, composing the high school committee, together with Mr. Johnston, chairman of the graded schools committee, and Mr. Ikenberry, chairman of the athletic committee, in joint session, discussed every phase of the work that would add to the success of the event. These plans will be laid before the county Teacher's Association at its next meeting for adoption. A circular will then be mailed to every teacher in the county explaining the work outlined for Field Day, together with the rules governing same and also directions for athletic training.

The meet will be held this year on the ninth of April.

Dr. F. C. Hickson, of Gaffney, well known to Gaffney and Cherokee county people, has assumed editorial management of the Cherokee News, a weekly newspaper published in that city. The first issue under Dr. Hickson's direction appeared Thursday.

MRS. EMSLIE NICHOLSON DIED TUESDAY EVENING

COURT CONVENED HERE MONDAY

The February Term of Court Convened Monday with Mendel L. Smith, Presiding Judge—a Number of Cases Have Been Tried

Court convened here Monday morning, Judge Mendel L. Smith, presiding. The cases disposed of up to the time of going to press are as follows:

In the case of English vs. English, consent verdict for the plaintiff. Willard vs. Farr et al, Executors, consent order for \$250.

Smarr vs. U. & G. S. Railway Co. verdict for plaintiff for \$200. Poak, administrator vs. U. & G. S. Railway, verdict for defendant.

Brandon vs. Ottoway, Mills, verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$500. Judge Smith is measuring up to the high expectation of his friends. He presides with dignity and conducts the affairs of the court in a most satisfactory manner.

The list of jurors for the third week is as follows:

The Jury Commissioners met on Saturday and drew the third week jury, which is as follows: C. C. Fowler, Jonesville. T. W. Hollingsworth, U. S. D. W. H. Jeter, Fish Dam. Frank Hart, U. S. D. W. T. Nelson, Goshen Hill. J. T. B. Vaughan, Fish Dam. Mac Carter, Lockhart. T. M. Gregory, Bogansville. C. N. West, Bogansville. George Worley, Jonesville. J. H. Graham, Cross Keys. T. B. Strange, U. S. D. W. M. Stevens, Cross Keys. T. B. Betenbaugh, U. S. D. T. C. Carter, Fish Dam. J. M. Jeter, Jr., U. S. D. Lee Broome, Lockhart. J. B. Williams, U. S. D. C. R. Prince, Cross Keys. J. H. Brakefield, U. S. D. H. H. Lawson, U. S. D. Giles Smith, Bogansville. Boyd Gallman, Jonesville. W. R. Foster, U. S. D. P. E. Wilburn, U. S. D. V. E. Lawson, Bogansville. Arthur Becknell, Bogansville. A. H. Coltrough, U. S. D. R. A. Lybrand, Jonesville. J. H. Bobo, Cross Keys. Jesse Hyatt, Bogansville. J. F. Estes, Cross Keys.

"S. O. S." SIGNAL

BROUGHT THE FOLLOWING RE- SPONSES THIS WEEK

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| Dr. S. S. Linder, Union..... | \$2.00 |
| J. D. Arthur, Union..... | 1.00 |
| J. Wesley Greer, Union..... | 1.00 |
| L. B. Godshall, Union..... | 1.00 |
| J. B. Holcomb, Kelton, R. 2..... | 1.00 |
| H. W. Moore, Union, R. 2..... | 1.00 |
| J. J. Foster, Union, R. 4..... | 1.00 |
| W. A. Beaty, Whitmire..... | 1.00 |
| Chester Garner, Kelton, R. 2..... | 1.50 |
| W. W. Eaves, Kelton, R. 2..... | .50 |
| J. B. Betenbaugh, Union, R. 2..... | 1.00 |
| J. E. Smith, Union, R. 2..... | 1.00 |
| Dr. L. H. Thomas, Branchville..... | 1.00 |
| J. R. Jolly, Union..... | 1.00 |
| T. J. Stewart, Jonesville, R. 1..... | 1.00 |
| W. F. Carter, Union, R. 1..... | 1.00 |
| L. J. Gault, Union, R. 4..... | 1.00 |
| R. L. Mitchell, Union, R. 5..... | 1.00 |
| Miss Flora Radcliff, Union..... | .25 |
| S. A. Scott, Union, R. 4..... | 1.00 |
| Jesse Davis, Union..... | .50 |
| R. H. Johns, Buffalo..... | 1.00 |
| W. T. Wilburn, Union, R. 4..... | 1.00 |
| Miss Hettie Vanderford, Asheville, N. C..... | .40 |
| Ashmore Vanderford, Union, R. 5..... | 1.00 |
| N. P. Hendrick, Monarch..... | 1.00 |
| S. K. Johns, Union, R. 1..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Ella Gregory, Union..... | 1.00 |
| B. D. Culp, Portsmouth, Va..... | 1.00 |
| G. H. Fairbanks, Jonesville..... | 1.00 |
| W. M. West, Pacolet..... | 1.00 |
| J. H. Foster, Spartanburg..... | 1.00 |
| Gordon Bishop, Reidsville..... | .25 |
| John A. Hames, Pacolet, R. 1..... | 1.00 |
| J. T. Clark, Union..... | .50 |
| W. H. Jeter Carlisle..... | 1.00 |
| W. T. Holcomb, Kelton..... | 1.00 |
| Rev. L. S. Shealy, Buffalo..... | 1.00 |
| Geo. W. Smith, Greenwood..... | .25 |
| | \$36.15 |

To Be Here February 13

County Farm Demonstration Agent F. W. Carnell, is arranging for prominent speakers to be in Union on February 13th, Saturday a week. The meeting will be in the interest of farmers and farmer's wives. The plan has been inaugurated by Clemson College. The occasion is to be known as "Fertilizer and Economy Day," and a wide range of subjects relating to the farm will be presented by experts.

The meeting will be held in the courthouse.

Mrs. G. B. Sligh is quite sick at her home on Church street.

Do not be too quick to disagree with your neighbor. Perhaps when you listen long enough to find out his real reasons you won't.

The End Came About Nine O'clock—a Woman Greatly Beloved by all—She was Gracious in Good Deeds and Her Life was Beautiful.

Mrs. Emslie Nicholson died at her home Tuesday evening at 9:15 o'clock. Her death was unexpected, although she had been quite ill for several weeks. Her death has brought deep sorrow to many hearts, for she was greatly beloved by all the people of Union.

Mrs. Nicholson is survived by her husband, Mr. Emile Nicholson, and one son, Mr. W. Shephard Nicholson, and one daughter, Miss Frances Nicholson, and one sister, Mrs. George Beall, of Durant, Miss. She was the daughter of Dr. John Murphy, of Durant, Miss., her maiden name being Miss Katherine Murphy.

In 1889 she became the bride of Mr. Emslie Nicholson of this city, and from that time to the day of her death she has been winning her way to the heart of all the people of Union and of the surrounding counties. She was possessed of a most gracious manner; her heart was full of sympathy for all those in distress. Her good works were amazingly generous, yet performed without the slightest ostentation. If she had an enemy in the world, no one ever heard of it and her friends could trust her without reserve. She was a devoted christian and was never weary of serving her church. Her words were without bitterness and carried comfort, not reproach, gentleness, not condemnation.

In the death of this noble woman Union has lost one of its best and dearest spirits, and many a heart mourns with her loved ones in the terrible loss that has come to them.

The burial will be Friday in the family plot in the Presbyterian cemetery. The funeral services will be held at noon in the First Presbyterian church, conducted by her pastor, Rev. John F. Matheson.

NOT GUILTY, SAYS JURY

Atlanta Case Outcome of Leo Frank's Trial.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 31.—A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury in the Superior Court here late today in the case of Dan S. Lehon, C. C. Tedder and Arthur Thurman, who were tried on charges of subordination of perjury in connection with the Leo M. Frank case. Lehon is Southern manager for the William J. Burns National Detective Agency; Tedder was formerly employed by the agency, and Thurman is a local lawyer.

The trial began last Tuesday and the case was given to the jury late last night. Judge Hill held a session of the Court this afternoon to receive the verdict. Only a few persons besides the lawyers and Court attaches were present when the verdict was announced.

The defendants were accused of having procured false affidavits from the Rev. C. B. Ragsdale, formerly pastor of a local church, and R. L. Barber, in which the affidavits declared they had overheard James Conley, a negro, tell another negro he had killed a girl in the pencil factory, where the body of Mary Phagan was found. Ragsdale and Barber later repudiated the affidavits. Conley now is serving a year's imprisonment as accessory after the murder of the Phagan girl.

The three men were tried on the indictment charging them with bribing Ragsdale. Solicitor General Dorsey said that in view of today's verdict it was unlikely they would be tried on the indictment charging bribery of Barber.

FRANK CASE MAY BE DE- CIDED BY THE JUNE RECESS

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 2.—That the celebrated Frank case may be decided by the United States supreme court before its June recess is indicated by its action yesterday afternoon in setting the date for the oral arguments up to February 23, just three weeks off. The date is of peculiar interest, coming about June, as upon the time of the decision, if it be adverse to Frank, may rest whether or not Governor Slaton will receive appeals for a commutation of sentence or his successor, Governor Nat Harris, will pass upon them.

The acquittal of Dan S. Lehon, Arthur Thurman and C. C. Tedder on subordination of perjury charges growing out of the Frank case is to be followed by an unusual procedure. Solicitor Dorsey now declares that charge of perjury will be tried against Rev. C. B. Ragsdale and R. L. Barber, his two principal witnesses in the cases against the Burns agents.

Mr. and Mrs. Byers Greer announce the birth of a daughter, February 2, 1915.